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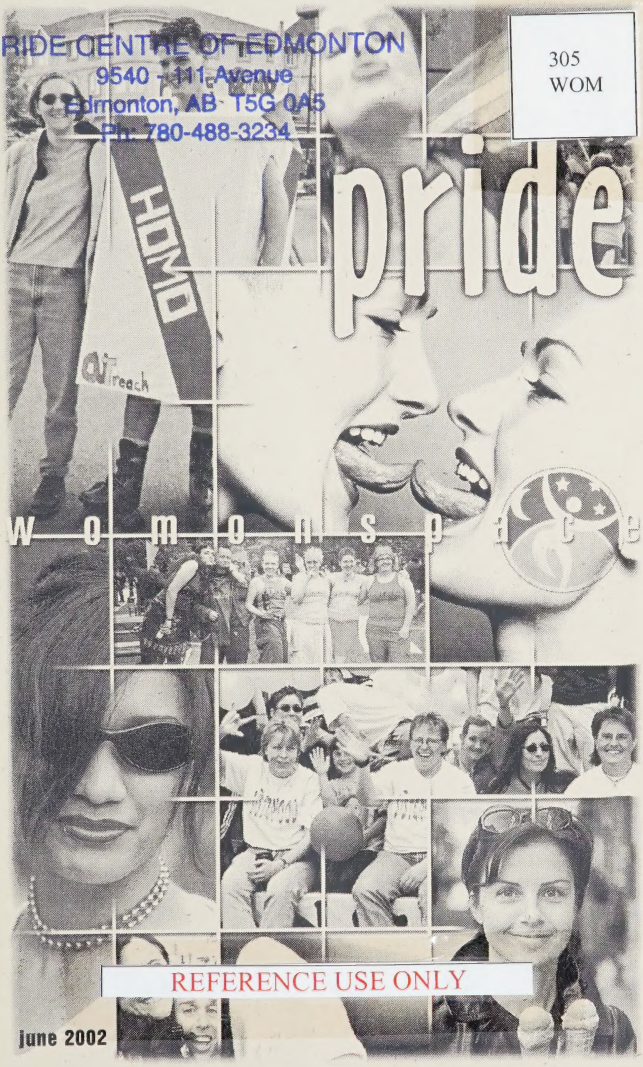

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by shawna l. mochnacz

Strong & Proud is the latest slogan for the Canadian Forces, and you will see it plastered to the propaganda buses in the city from time to time. These fancy buses are collaged with assorted photos of members of your military (and you tell me if you don't think the female pilot is a dyke!). The little diver on the back of the bus is a little creepy—staring at you if you follow-too-close, but the buses are well done, even if some of their riders feel a little uncomfortable with the flashiness ('Strong But A Little Shy' just wouldn't sound as catchy, nor make people flock to the recruiting centres!)

Will you see said buses in the Gay Pride Parade? Well, no...but maybe someday! (There ARE military marches with titles like: *Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant-Major*, *Hey Look Me Over*, *My Boy Willie*, and *Village People Medleys*!)

Every time Pride rolls around, it makes me think of what I am proud of, and why pride should not be restricted to one week, or one month. For the record, I am very proud of being a dyke, and of being a dyke out in the Canadian Forces. I am proud of who I am, who my friends are, my family (heads up for the next issue!) and how I live my life. When who you are on the inside matches who you are on the outside, you feel this comfort and calm that can only be experienced in that honesty with yourself. You don't need to cover yourself in pride stickers to prove that you are gay and proud—but it is good for community businesses, not to mention cool, so go for it! (MY pride car sticker was recently stolen in Ft. McMurray, of all places. I just know it won't look the same on some redneck's pick-up! Poor little pride lightning bolt sticker—if only they knew...! That's okay—I still have my rainbow kite, and yes that's me in the middle of Hawrelak Park!) The thing that matters most is that you just have to be yourself. In the end, the big thing that Pride Week does for me, is remind me that I'm not alone. The sense of community, of belonging to a bigger group, is such a deep-rooted human need and I am always overwhelmed by how powerful it feels to be among a group of such size and diversity. The struggles of what we go through to come out to ourselves and others can leave one feeling utterly alone, isolated and lonely. Pride Week has a way of erasing that, and lifting you up. You have friends to celebrate with, and new friends waiting to meet you. That's Pride—enjoy!▼

STRONG & PROUD

NOTORIOUS S.L.U.T. COMING THIS SUMMER

(gay.com)

Comedian Margaret Cho, who proudly claims to be both a bisexual slut and a fag hag, has her own take on why gays should have marriage rights. "A government that would deny a gay man the right to bridal registry is a fascist state." That's just one of the many quips in *Notorious C.H.O.*, the filmed version of Cho's raunchy stand-up tour of 37 cities. The film also includes Cho's musings on vaginas, G-spots, pms, and straight men.

ROSIE TAKES A CRACK AT DIRECTING

(gay.com)

After leaving her day job on May 23, Rosie O'Donnell will write and direct her first film. O'Donnell is adapting E.R. Frank's novel, *America*. The story focuses on a mixed-race boy named America, who is born to a crack-addicted mother, and spends his childhood in foster homes and juvenile detention centers. In the book, America ends up in a mental institution, where a therapist helps him recover from the effects of his awful upbringing.

SPEED KILLS

(planetout.com)

Indie film darling Christina Ricci will make her directorial debut in *The Speed Queen*. She also stars as Marjorie Standiford, the Oklahoma fast-food worker turned death-row inmate who spills her guts before she is executed, hoping that a Stephen King-like horror-meister will write her side of the tale. Marjorie recounts her life with lover and partner-in-crime, Natalie, detailing her love of cars, her unplanned pregnancy and subsequent marriage, and her crime spree that left 12 dead.

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what's up in june!

saturday, june 1, 8:00 pm
Our Vocal Decade: EVM Reunion Concert. Convocation Hall, Old Arts Building, UofA. Reception to follow at Fly Bar, 10314-104 Street.

thursday, june 6, 7:30 pm
GLCCE's Grrls Games Night! Hosts Kari and Shawna invite you to bring your favorite game and a nice snack to share. There will be Scattegories, and the no-biting rule is still in effect.

friday, june 7 and saturday june 8, 7:30 and 9:30 pm
Queer City Cinema Inc. presents QCC4 100% Tour, Metro Cinema, Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre, 9828-101A Ave. For info contact Latitude 53 at 423-5353 or info@latitude53.org

thursday, june 13, 7:00 pm
GLCCE's Women's Drop-In presents Computer Basics and Net Surfing Workshop.

saturday, june 15 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Proud of Our Kids: Pride Family Picnic, Westmount Fitness Centre 12840-109 Ave. All Moms, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas, Grandpas—bring your children of all ages to celebrate pride with outdoor games, soccer, crafts, snacks, and a dip in the wading pool. For more info or to volunteer call GLCCE 488-3234 or wesdyne@shaw.ca

sunday, june 16, 7:00 pm
Lambda Christian Community Church present Praises and Rainbows at Garneau United Church, 11148-84 Avenue.

monday, june 17, 7:00 pm
City Hall Heritage Room, Police, Gays/Lesbians—Creating One Community. A public forum with members of the Police Commission, sponsored by Councillor Michael Phair.

thursday, june 27, 7:00 pm
GLCCE's Women's Drop-In presents: Karaoke!

SUBMIT!

to womonspace

Are you the kind of person that likes being told what to do? Do you want to submit, but don't know what to write? We have all kinds of assignments for you at womonspace if you can't think of anything to write for the Feature Theme!

Contact womonspace@hotmail.com **NOW!**

We welcome submissions up to 500 words of interest to local lesbians: letters to the editor, short fiction, articles, book and movie reviews, poetry, artwork, and photographs. Reminder: do not send your underwear. Snail mail: womonspace Editor, Box 128 Main P.O., Edmonton, AB, T5J 3J4.

Feature Themes: July/August: Family (deadline June 10th),
September: Pets (deadline August 10th)
October: Dykes and Bikes (deadline September 10th)

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NERDY DYKES COOL

(planetout.com)

American Pie/Buffy the Vampire Slayer star Alyson Hannigan has learned a valuable lesson from playing rejects—nerds are the most interesting people. The redheaded actress says that teen nerds make compelling adults. She explains, "You need to suffer to be interesting. I think I've met one person who actually enjoyed high school. I just felt the need to get out. Alive, preferably. In elementary school people made fun of me because my skin was so white and I had black hair and wore black clothes. I was 'depressed chick'. Very attractive."

MADONNA GRABS A LESBIAN KISS

(planetout.com)

Madonna won a huge round of applause from the first night audience at London Wyndham's Theatre debut by indulging in a lesbian kiss on stage. The 1000 strong crowd saw the material girl throw herself into some same-sex romping in her role as art dealer Loren from the comedy *Up For Grabs*. On her performance, one audience member enthused, "I thought she was a lot better than expected, she was fantastic."

letters to the editor

Dear Womonspace,

After so many years away from those Womonspace dances, which I coordinated most of in the 80's, I would have loved to be at the Decades of Pride one! Maybe some of us oldies could connect at the Pride Dance on June 22nd instead. Any help in coordinating this would be greatly appreciated. To whomever takes this message...keep up the good work of keeping Womonspace alive. I once was told it is the longest lived lesbian-only organization in Canada!

—All the best, Agathe

Dear Womonspace,

We are absolutely pleased with the response we've had from our House Doctor ad, never mind the chance for us to continue to support Womonspace! The monthly dances are a huge part of our lesbian social times out. Years ago, I used to do a lot of volunteering in our community and we know that all the work you ladies do is not only time consuming but some of the best I've seen in the lesbian communities across Canada. Keep up the absolutely fabulous work and know that we all support your efforts! Once again thanks for all your efforts ladies and, I hope you have a great summer!

—Jan

pride week events

friday june 14 to sunday june 23

Saturday, June 15, 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Proud of Our Kids: Pride Family picnic Westmount Fitness Centre, 12840-109 Avenue
(See details on page 3 under What's Up in June!)

Saturday, June 15, 9 PM
Northern Chaps 2002 mr Edmonton leather Arts Barns, 10330 84 Avenue, Tickets $15.00

Saturday, June 15, 9 PM to 2 AM
Decades of Pride Dance, Celebrate two anniversaries Womonspace's 20th and GLCCE's 30th! Hosted by Womonspace and GLCCE Alberta Avenue Hall, 9210 118 Avenue
(See details on back cover.)

Tuesday, June 18 jello Pride Wrestling, Secrets Bar and Grill

Wednesday, June 19, 9:00 PM ms Edmonton leather Beer Bash, Secrets Bar and Grill

Thursday, June 20, 7:00 PM
glcce's Women's Drop-In presents BYOB Wine and Cheese

Edmonton Pride 2002
Many Faces - One Community

Friday, June 21, 8:00 PM Celebrate Pride Solstice with Vancouver stand-up comic Erin Graham at Orlando Books

Friday, June 21, 7:00 PM Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose presents Mr. and Mz. Gay pageant at Boots

Saturday, June 22, noon
"Many Faces - One Community" parade Route is from 111 Street to 118 Street along Jasper Avenue, north on 118 Street to finish at the Oliver arena

Saturday, June 22, 7:30 PM Pride awards Ceremony, Arts Barns, 10330 84 Avenue

Saturday, June 22, 9 PM
Pride dance Arts Barns, 10330 84 Avenue

Photos courtesy Jeff Park, (top), Philip Greenspun (phil@mit.edu) (bottom).

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a proud 20 years of Herstory

by Shawna L. Mochnacz

Twenty years ago, Edmonton lesbians had no place to call their own. Club 70 (which, eventually became the Roost, where Boots is now) was the men's bar, and gay women could only enter if signed in by a man. There was also Tuesday nights at Flashback, which was an open gay bar, however, it wasn't the healthiest of environments either. Men would bring their wives to the club, and while oogling gay men in disgust, be having sex with their wives in the club to prove they weren't gay themselves. Even though they were signed in, dykes were not welcome, and their privileges were often revoked by the bars with no warning. Two women started up an underground women's club of sorts, which was apparently raided often by police for drugs and prostitution. They would get shut down, and simply start up with a different name and location, but the seedy flavour was always the same.

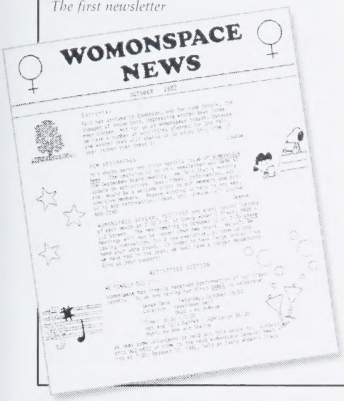
It was clear there was no real place for the lesbian community to socialize. Common Woman Books—the woman's bookstore in town—was a place that women congregated, but was not set up as a social meeting place. At the time there were two feminist groups in Edmonton: ASWAC—The Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, and Edmonton's Woman Coalition. These groups, more political and feminist, had regular meetings at Everywoman's Place (9926-112 St).

The two groups were approached by eight women who were interested in starting a more social, less political group, and were allowed to use Everywoman's Place as a meeting centre. They pooled their resources and expertise to put on their first dance, getting information from GATE (Gay Alliance Toward Equality—a male dominated organization), as well as advice and financial assistance. The first women's dance took place in September 1981, and six dances followed. The dances were well supported and the organizers of those dances became the first unofficial executive, and agreed to stay on until Womonspace got on its feet.

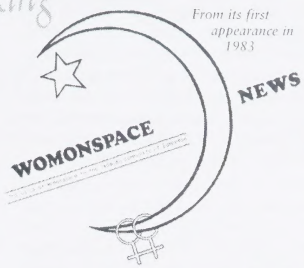
Since November 1982 there has been both executive and general meetings once a month. By December of that year, Womonspace was finally incorporated —a legally recognized organization. The original founders were: Ann, Jeanne, Agathe, Candace, Cherene, Shirley, Linda and Darlene. Last names are not used deliberately here, as some members would not appreciate being outed while being honoured. These courageous women met, and had their names and addresses on lists which could have led to their dismissal as government workers, school teachers, or even mechanics. Today, the Womonspace membership list is still

herstory in the making

The first newsletter



From its first appearance in 1983



The current womonspace logo, chosen from three options in May 1999

diligently protected, respecting the privacy of each member, regardless of how "out" they are in their life.

From 1982, Womonspace was declared a non-profit, social and recreational organization for lesbians. Its purpose was to see that there were ways for lesbians to get together, to get to know each other, and have a chance to socialize. The goal was to eventually have a place, space, of their own in which to do these things. The objectives were to have social functions, such as, dances, picnics, coffee houses, games nights, camping trips and discussion groups, and any other thing that women were interested in having and willing to organize and volunteer to run. As finances would allow, a news sheet was mailed out to the membership to keep women connected.

But the club was not without its share of scandal. In 1986, one of the

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FIRST OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER 1982

President: Louise
Vice President: Agathe
Secretary: Ann
Treasurer: Linda
Activities Director: Pat
Membership Director: Candace
Public Relations: Jeanne

PAST PRESIDENTS

1982–1983 Louise
1983–1985 Agathe
1985–1986 Lynn
1986–1987 Elaine
1987–1988 Jackie
1988–1989 Gail
1989–1990 Lynn
1990–1991 Agathe
1992–1993 Cathy Meade
1993–1994 Heather Bruce
1994–1996 Roz Ostendorf
1996–1997 Tina Taylor
1997–2000 Terri Hayes
2000 Rae Johnson

board members apparently ran off with all of the money, and it took two years of hard work to recover. And in 1991, due to lack of enthusiasm and volunteers, the group nearly folded. But there was a changing of the guard, and a different age group stepped up to lead the organization into the next generation. After twenty years, the regular monthly dances are a tribute to the spirit of community and the dedication of numerous women, past and present. The strength of the organization has always been in the volunteers. And now, through the generous donation of past president and original founding member, Agathe Gaulin, GLCCE will soon have in its archives a complete set of newsletters with meeting minutes and financial reports and personal notes to keep the herstory of Womanspace alive forever.▼

FROM THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE WOMONSPACE NEWS, NOVEMBER 1982: EDITORIAL BY LOUISE

"I am getting very excited about what is happening in Womonspace and for lesbians in Edmonton. The organization is spreading its arms to encompass activities, recreation, liaison with gay and women's groups in the city and now, a newsletter that can inform and help lesbians communicate with each other, "We're here—a group that is by, for, and to lesbians."

~

The Womonspace membership fee as of May 1, 1983 was set at $10 annually. Today's fee for a single membership is $15.

How I Got Ready for Pride Week

by Sally Cooper

Pride is a process. For me, coming to embrace myself as a lesbian has been a long journey through denial, self-hatred, secrecy, fear, anger, lies, laughter, tears, frustration, acceptance and joy.

Along this journey, I've made up boyfriends, played the pronoun game, written anonymous articles for political newsletters, tentatively come out to friends, drunkenly come out to co-workers, marched in parades and hidden from the news cameras. I've paced outside the doors of a Womonspace dance, trying to summon the courage to enter, and I've been the one to escort someone afraid to go to a dance alone. I've tested my sexuality and helped women discover theirs. I've felt my heart swell with love, felt my heart break, and felt the love of my friends helping me pick up the pieces. But I never felt I could tell my parents.

A few months ago, we began discussions at Womonspace board meetings about how to celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary this summer. Gradually it dawned on me that this is my anniversary as well. It has been nearly twenty years since I nearly fainted in terror as I kissed the first woman I would love.

Twenty years is a long time to omit all the tugs of your heart when your mother asks what's new over the phone once a week—especially on the week you find your soulmate. It was too long—so I took a deep breath a few weeks before the actual anniversary, and picked up the phone...she's known forever, and it never mattered. I'm proud of both of us.▼

homoscopes

by the Amazing Salton

gemini
may21 - jun21

Here we go again. Reunions, mysteries, hunches and goodbyes will have you feeling a little déjà vu. Set yourself apart from the crowd. This month can bring much success, if you let it happen.

cancer
jun22 - jul22

Switching your position back and forth only will make people seasick, not enable you to please everyone. Take a stance, remain firm, and people will admire your courage and conviction.

leo
jul23 - aug22

Being the centre of attention can be very demanding. Take some time for yourself on occasion this month. Pamper yourself, get a professional massage, maybe test out a new image.

virgo
aug23 - sep22

It's summer!! A fling on a sunny beach, some flirting at a patio party, this is the season to throw off the virginal image. Try the bad girl image on for size...

libra
sep23 - oct23

You've got almost the whole package. The right connections, the right words and reactions all carefully rehearsed. Why isn't it working? The missing ingredient they're looking for is sincerity.

scorpio
oct24 nov21

It seemed like it never would get here, but what you've been waiting for finally has arrived. Savour it, milk every iota of enjoyment out of it, because it may not last for long.

sagittarius
nov22 - dec21

You're strangely sedate for the party animal of the zodiac. Could it be you've found something more valuable than the next all-night drinkfest? Naw! You'll get over this responsible phase soon enough.

capricorn
dec22 - jan19

So many decisions. So many choices. Take some time to decide what really matters to you before selecting your brass ring. Pick the one that fits for you.

aquarius
jan20 - feb18

You're looking forward to getting some rest this summer. Don't count on it! The wheels you put in motion over the winter months are going to take you places you never dreamed existed.

pisces
feb19 - mar20

Had enough of the rollercoaster? Want to sit in the back seat and let someone else drive for a while? Ok, but keep your map handy, because they might get you both lost.

aries
mar21 - apr19

When all is said and done, focus on fondness. Relationships change; what drew people together matters more than what pulled them apart.

taurus
apr20 - may20

You know that you're in a bit of a rut. If it's comfortable, stay there. If not, lecture yourself about the value of taking risks and jump out with both feet.

Our Rainbow Pride Flag

from The Alyson Almanac. Vexed by Rainbows by Paul Zomcheck, Bay Area Reporter, Parade 90: San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade and Celebration.

The colourful gay pride flag, (okay, not so great in a black and white publication!)

In 1978, Gilbert Baker of San Francisco designed and made a flag with eight coloured stripes: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. According to Baker, those colours represented, respectively: sexuality, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony, and spirit. It was meant to be a more colourful and optimistic gay symbol over the Nazi symbol of the pink triangle. Unfortunately, Baker had hand-dyed all the colors, and since the colour "hot pink" was not commercially available, mass production of his eight-striped pride flag became impossible—the flag was reduced to seven stripes.

Later that year, the city's first openly gay supervisor, Harvey Milk, was assassinated. To demonstrate the gay community's strength and solidarity in the aftermath of that tragedy, the pride parade committee decided to use Baker's flag. They eliminated the indigo stripe so that they could divide the colours evenly along the parade route—three on one side, three on the other. This six-striped version became popularized and today is recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers. The Rainbow Flag reminds us that ours is a diverse community—composed of people with a variety of individual tastes of which we should all be proud. There is no "right side up" for this flag. It may be flown either red up or purple up.▼

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High Horses

by Joan White Call

Celebrating Gay Pride in 2002, the year of the horse, is pretty damn good karma. It helps the oh-so-homo-sexuals ride on fast and furious, toward the ever leaking ebbing tide of ignorance and hatred, that flows over us like dirty water.

We have ridden on our high horses to face the politicians and the clergymen. We have ridden over the rough terrain to face the school boards and our neighbours and our families. When we rest the horses for awhile we'll stop and look around and and see who is still in for the ride.

We will take a break to dance around the fires and laugh and laugh and laugh. Someone might play a little music, and someone else might pass a little fire water around, and someone else might tell a story. Someone else might find a little bit of loco weed to chew on. There may be a little kissin' and huggin' and a bit of lovin' too.

When the morning comes, we'll round up the horses and get ready to ride on again. We'll look and see the horse with no rider and remember the ones who rode before us and got lost before they could finish the ride. This is a long journey for the gay and lesbian people and one of these days we will not feel so deviant and little. With a strong gay community surrounding us, we can feel like we are the mainstream!▼

pride parade body art

Show up early, Saturday, June 22nd, at the Pride Parade start location (near the old Queen City Meats on 111th Street) for some unique Pride Body Painting! Local artists will be onsite from 10:30 AM until the Parade begins at noon.
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$15 face and arms, etc. ~ full body? We'll talk!!

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Pride & Prejudice

by Kari-ann Kuperis

KARI'S TOP 10 LIST OF PRIDE MEMORIES:

10. Trying to decide if a mullet was too femme.
9. Why, yes, that's a lovely leash. And it's attached to...oh...I see...
8. Two words: rainbow SPAM!
7. Gosh, I haven't seen Dick in years...
6. Where is the ass-end of your pants, young man?
5. Drag Queens and Condoms and Pride floats, oh my!
4. Trying to decide if my purse clashed with my combat boots.
3. What a pretty hanky. Why is it yellow?
2. Is that boy dog humping that other boy dog?
1. Adam and Eve + Adam and Steve = everybody wins! (Especially Adam).

Okay. I'll admit it—I made that all up. When I offered to write a piece for womonspace, and (the lovely and talented) Shawna told me to write about my favorite Pride memory, my immediate reaction was, "Eahhhhh, crap." My reluctance stems from having been to just a few Pride events, and frankly, they sucked. Here's an example... I was 17, newly out, and full of the enthusiasm common to such a momentous stage in a young grrl's life. I was wearing my newly-purchased dyke wear (shorts and a tank top), the sun was out, and I was off to my first-ever Pride parade!

My first clue that not everyone was gay and proud was my initial sighting of God!Man(tm), with his poncy little "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" sign. I think they must mass produce those in a factory somewhere. Anyhoo, with hellfire and damnation being poured upon us, we set out on our happy, wee parade. Only to encounter The Spitters. There's nothing like wiping the bitter, bitter saliva of prejudice out of your eyes to make the day that much more special.

If that wasn't bad enough, along came God!Man(tm) hanging out of the sunroof of a big 'ol Pimpmobile—helpfully driven by one of his flock. Great. Not only was my vision blurry, but now I got to be serenaded by the voice of the righteous for another 20 blocks. Determined to make the best of it, I continued parading, trying to drown out God!Man(tm) by hollering chants from the sheet—helpfully provided by the parade's organizers. That went well for about two blocks.

The next challenge to my fragile sexuality was Buddy With the Dogs. Now, I always try to give the benefit of the doubt to complete strangers, especially when they've got both hands full of leashes connected to about five slavering, foaming pitbulls, but in this case, I found it hard to believe his

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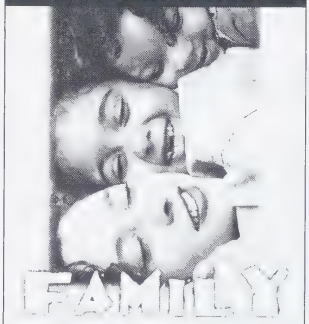
explanation that "Muh dugs jist wanned ta see tha ho-mows." This is the kind of thing that makes reporters pee in their pants, which is why all the post-parade coverage focused on that touching Hallmark moment. I was talking about this article with my partner, and she helpfully reminded me that I spotted her on the sidelines one year as we went on our damned, spit-covered, crazed-dog-followed way. She wasn't my partner at the time, but we'd met at work. I was in that stage where I was trying to find out if she was a dyke, and if she was a dyke if she'd go out with me, and if she went out with me, we'd move in together and raise miniature, hairless cats forever, etc. Now that I think about it, I guess I do have a favorite Pride memory.▼

NEXT MONTH'S TOPIC



"We are family." We are the people in our lives, those chosen ones. Who's in, who's out? "Are you kids gay? What's it like to have two mommies? Does your mother put the fear of God in you, sister-boy?" It's also, to be the process in the family, just share it with the community in 500 words or less—deadline is June 10th.

FRIENDLY TIPS ON PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIDE PARADE

from jm@buddysnteclub.com

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At your next community group or business meeting, brainstorm for costumes and music, showing the many faces (facets) of your organization and register!

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Get quotes early on banners, vehicles or costume rentals, or costumes to borrow (check out local theatres and their wardrobes).

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Makes friends with someone who has access to a convertible, antique or collector car.

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Contact like-minded groups and ask if they would like to plan and merge your two contingents or just share costs.

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Plan a Fun-Raiser for your parade stuff—a book sale, a strip-a-thon, a bake sale or other creative event.

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ONCE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IS RECEIVED, THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH FURTHER DETAILS.

resource directory

List your organization or event here. Call 482-1794 or womonspace@hotmail.com

arts

Circle Dance First Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM at Southminster Steinhauer United Church, 10740-19 Ave. Call Ann at 435-2288.

Edmonton Vocal Minority Mixed voice choir. Join as a singer or a supporter. Call 479-2038 or evm@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Out at the Symphony For gay and lesbian music lovers and their friends. Call Paul at the ESO 429-1992, ext 240.

athletics

Curling League Fridays at Ottewell Curling Club. No previous experience required. Call Lance at 479-0211 or ldeeka@hotmail.com

Free-to-Be Womyn's Volleyball League Mondays 7–8:45 PM at John D. Bracco School, 3150-139 Ave. Cost $35/year, $3/drop-in. Call Pam at 459-9370 or p_mcewin@hotmail.com

Making Waves Swim Club Sundays 8 PM and Thursdays 8:30 PM at Bonnie Doon Pool. Tuesdays 8:30 PM at Scona Pool. Call Jan at 454-9987 or makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com

Northern Titans Ten pin bowling league. Saturdays 4:45 PM. Call Garry or Dave at 426-6311 or davegarry711@home.com

Women's Slowpitch Season runs May–Sept. $30 fee includes end of season party. For info call Tina at 423-9925 or fixitina@hotmail.com

churches

Affirm United A support group for members of the United Church of Canada. Call Therese at 446-6176.

Brethren Mennonite Council For gay, lesbian and bisexual Mennonites and friends. Call Heather at 987-4974, or email jonrach@ msn.com

Dignity Edmonton For gay, lesbian and bisexual Roman Catholics and friends. Call Bernard at 451-1794 or Joseph at 481-4218, trainlvr@ compusmart.ab.ca

Lambda Christian Community Church A non-denominational, evangelical Christian church. Sundays at 7 PM at Garneau United Place, 11148-84 Ave. Call 474-0753.

Lutherans Concerned A spiritual community for GLBT and straight people gathering monthly for worship, sharing and friendship. Individual support, resources and a safe space for spiritual questions. Call 426-0905, lcedmonton@lcna.org

McDougall United Church Welcomes people of all sexual orientations. Sundays at 10:30 AM at 10086 McDonald Dr. Call 428-1818.

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church Welcomes all sexual orientations and is an affirming United Church. Sundays at 10 AM at 10740-19 Ave. Call the church office at 435-2028 or Debbie at 987-4974.

Unitarian Church of Edmonton Worship and services of union. Sundays at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM at 12530-110 Ave. Call 454-8073, uce@ compusmart.ab.ca

focus groups

AGAPE Sexual Orientation and Schooling Focus Group at the U of A Faculty of Education 4-110C Educ. N. Thursdays 5–6 PM. Contact Dr. Andre Grace at andre.grace@ualberta.ca or Kris Wells at wellsk@icrossroads.com

hangouts for lesbians

The Bagel Tree: 10345 Whyte Ave; **Cafe Mosaics:** 10844 Whyte Ave; **The Roost:** 10345-104 St; **Secrets Bar & Grill:** 10249-107 St; **Urban Grind:** 10124-124 St.

leisure groups

Breakfast Club Second Sunday of the month. Call Dianne at 433-0374 before PM the Fri before to ensure your reservation.

Classics Social group for lesbians over 40. Second Sunday of the month. Call Dori at 487-9510.

Liatris Society Gardening club for all. Call William at 474-7328 or liatrissociety@hotmail.com

National Leather Association Social evening on the second Friday of each month 8:30 PM at The Roost, 10345-104 St.

Open Door Club Social club for Grant MacEwan Community College students and friends. opendoorclub@hotmail.com

OUTreach For LGBT students, staff, and faculty at U of A. Tuesdays 5 PM, Athabasca Hall. outreach@ualberta.ca

Sunday Night Coffee Group Everyone welcome to drink coffee, chat and enjoy each other's company. Second and fourth Sunday of the month 7 PM Jax Bean Stop, 11511-104 Ave. Just look for the blue baseball cap. gay_edmonton_coffee@yahoo.com, www.geocities.com/gay_edmonton_coffee

support services

Alcoholics Anonymous Gay and lesbian meetings. Call 424-5900.

Bisexual Support Group GLCCE, last Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM.

Edmonton Rainbow Business Association Second Tuesday of the month 7:30 PM at Orlando Books. Call Bill 422-6207.

Equal=Alberta For equal treatment of all Albertans. Call 488-3234 or wqualalberta@hotmail.com

GLCCE Gay and Lesbian Community Center for drop-in, peer counseling and library. M–F 1:30 PM–5:30 PM, and 7–10 PM. Thursdays 7:30 PM are women's drop-in. Call 488-3234 or glcce@compusmart. ab.ca, 9912-106 St.

ICARE Interfaith Center for AIDS/HIV Resources and Education. Call Mickey Wilson at 448-1768 or icare@oanet.com

Naturopathy for Women Free information sessions on naturopathy with a focus on women's health. First Monday of the month 7 PM Park Allen Hall, 11104-65 Ave. Call Jackie Yurko at 430-4553.

PFLAG/T Support for parents, families and friends of LGBT. Third Tuesday of the month 7:30 PM at GLCCE. Call Lynne at 462-5958 or pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Transgender/Transsexual Support GLLCE, second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7:30 PM. Info: 488-3234.

Yours, Mine, Ours & Us Support group for LGBT parents, co-parents and partners. Call Liz at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311.

Youth Understanding Youth Social and support group for LGBT age 25 and under. Saturdays 7–9 PM at GLCCE or yuyedm@hotmail.com

radio

Gaywire Lesbian, gay and bisexual news, interviews and music. Thursdays 6–7 PM on CJSR 88.5 FM.

Sonic Sisters Women's music hosted by Cori Brewster Tuesdays 7–8 PM on CJSR 88.5 FM.

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opportunities

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Wanted: Women that have been active over the years in Womonspace/other lesbian organizations. I am a PhD student at U of A doing a study of GLBT in Alberta. Please contact Laura at bonnett@ualberta.ca

Want to see the pride parade up close and personal, but not with a specific organization? Be a marshal and help keep the parade fun and safe. Contact jim@buddysniteclub.com

Want to stand out in the pride parade? We need jugglers, stilt walkers, clowns and mimes. Help make this year's parade a screaming success. Contact jim@buddysniteclub.com

messages

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Big K: Eeeeeeeeek! :)

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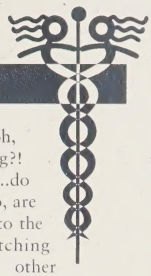

Dear Dr. Dyke,
My girlfriend has been complaining that I've started to sleepwalk, which is weird, but that really isn't the problem. The other night, I came to standing in front of the fish tank with a straw. Also, I noticed my favorite Snoopy mug was sitting on top of the toilet tank. I'm worried that, in my somnambulation (look it up), I'm ingesting all kinds of not-fit-for-human-consumption type liquids. Any suggestions?

Signed, Veuve Cliquot

Dear VC,
Um, are you asking Dr. Dyke for suggestions on other weird liquids to consume? Dr. Dyke once knew a grrl who was dared to drink the sparkly water from a snow globe, and let's just say, there's adventure and fun, and then there's knitting dishcloths for a living! Dr. Dyke has been enjoying Orange Frosters lately, but that's about as adventurous fluid-wise that it gets. Maybe you should drink more water before you hit the hay. And stop entering spicy chicken wing eating contests—that would make anyone sleep-thirsty! If you are truly worried about the fishies (NOW aren't you glad you didn't name your fish 'Sushi', and 'Sushi Jr.'?!), perhaps you and your GF could look into some restraints for the bed...yeah, yeah, for the fishies...must protect the fishies!

Dear Dr. Dyke,
I want to go to my GF's prom, but I'm 38! What should we do?

Signed, Cristal

Dear C,
Okay, first thing, a little more forward planning, since your GF's prom was wayyyy before Dr. Dyke's deadline for this issue. But for all of you in the same boat for next year—oh, who are we kidding?! Okay, wait, seriously...do you hate your GF? No, are you nuts? Do not go to the prom! Stick to watching *Friends* reruns, and other quality television, like *Dinotopia*. Ask yourself, "Why do people run from me?" in Ralph Wiggum's voice, order a pizza, keep feeding your dog Timbits, and find someone who isn't half your age!

Dear Dr. Dyke,
I thought you were really mean to Cristal in your response to her younger partner. What do you have against people who are just a little different? Why can't you play nice? What does a rainbow hanky mean? Why does it hurt when I pee?

Signed, Dom Perignon

Dear DP,
Thank you for confirming to valued, loyal, understanding, intelligent, and beautiful womonspace readers that sometimes the questions in this column do not come from an outside source! (Editor's note: true—womonspace does not count questions that originate from Dr. Dyke's other personalities as an outside source!) This would be a good time to mention that Dr. Dyke's email has been on the lean side lately, and to avoid nutty questions like this one, write to doctordyke69@hotmail.com If there really is anyone out there with that particular problem, sorry for any offense, Freakos!

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